

Summary of the November 4 Briefing of the Clark Task Force and Staff

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1015 . . . Personnel

25X1A [REDACTED] outlined the organization and functions of the Personnel Staff. He briefly covered the Career Service Program and CIA recruitment problems.

1030 . . . Clandestine Activities Mr. Frank Wisner

Mr. Wisner outlined the organization of the Clandestine Services and briefly stated the functions of each component unit. He discussed the history and background of the Clandestine Services, including OSS, the National Defense Act of 1947, NSCID 5, NSC 10/2, and NSC 5412. Mr. Wisner read his prepared notes (prepared by PPC) omitting only those portions dealing with Command Relations. He, also, raised the problem of "Agreed Activities".

Mr. Wisner commented that we were not inexperienced, uncontrolled and free-wheeling, but that we closely followed NSC directives and did check out our operations in the field with either the Senior Military Commander or the Senior Political person there. He added that respect for the Agency is growing both in the military and in the Department of State.

Mr. Wisner then discussed some of the current "hot spots" where we are concentrating our efforts including South Vietnam,

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1115 . . . General Clark asked to be excused in order to keep an 1130 appointment with the President, at which meeting they would discuss the feasibility of investigating the Clandestine Services.

1130 . . . Colonel Edwards discussed the CIA security system and the many problems which are peculiar to the organization.

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1145. . . [REDACTED] discussed the functions of the various components of the Security Staff.

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1215. . . Relations with FBI. [REDACTED]

25X1A [REDACTED] outlined the existing relations we have with the Bureau citing as an example the [REDACTED] Case which originated in Vienna and which terminated in the United States. He briefly discussed the [REDACTED] was involved. Mr. Helms terminated his briefing by describing how the Agency operates in the counter-espionage field.

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1230. . . Association with Foreign Intelligence Services. . [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] outlined the liaison that the Agency has with foreign services and foreign governments. He described the interchange of intelligence reports and the value we place on the entire liaison. He further discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the liaison with Foreign Services. This briefing was similar to the one given to the Special Study Group.

1250. . . Mr. Dulles announced that he had received a call from General Clark and that the arrangement suggested by him (Mr. Dulles) concerning the investigation of the Clandestine Services was accepted. He stated that the report of the Special Study Group, which he had in his safe, would be made available to the Special Sub-Task Force which would handle this matter.

Mr. Dulles assured the group that the Agency was fully prepared to cooperate with them to the utmost and suggested that some of the members visit some of our overseas installations.